

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 235

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Cody Thomas Blackford,
2007 Valedictorian of Alcoa High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cody Thomas Blackford is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Cody Blackford has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Blackford has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.19, while participating in several extracurricular activities, including wrestling, football, soccer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, student council, and Smoky View Baptist Church youth group; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Blackford is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, recipient of the AAA Award, and an honoree in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackford's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Cody Blackford's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, James and Lee Ann Blackford, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackford's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Alcoa High School Valedictorian, Cody Thomas Blackford, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.